

A
BRIEF ACCOUNT
OF THE
GENERAL HOSPITAL,
NEAR
BIRMINGHAM;
TOGETHER WITH THE
Musical Festivals
CELEBRATED FOR ITS BENEFIT,
FROM THEIR
COMMENCEMENT TO THE PRESENT TIME.

BY CHARLES PYE,

Who, in 1819, published a Description of Modern Birmingham,
Warwick, and Leamington.

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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
LORD VISCOUNT DUDLEY AND WARD,
Baron of Birmingham.

MY LORD,

AS a benevolent patron of this laudable
Institution, I take the liberty of submitting
to your inspection the following statement,
deduced from the most authentic sources,

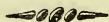
By your Lordship's
most devoted
humble Servant,
CHARLES PYE.

Birmingham, Sept. 25, 1820.

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THE
GENERAL HOSPITAL,
NEAR BIRMINGHAM.



THIS substantial pile of building was erected by B. and W. Wyatt, in the year 1766, under the superintendence of an eminent physician, John Ash, M.D. but for want of funds, it lay dormant for the space of 12 years ; when, in 1778, some liberal-minded people, in a voluntary manner, undertook to solicit subscriptions, and were so successful, that in the next year the Hospital was opened for the reception of patients, and during the first nine months there were admitted, In-patients, discharged cured, 135; relieved, 38; absented themselves, 3; for irregularity, 2; incurable, 1; died, 5; remained on the books, 41—Out-patients, discharged cured, 168; relieved, 55; for non-attendance, 5; made in-patients, 5; remained on the books, 71. The above statement is a convincing proof that the faculty exerted their skill; and their humanity was made manifest by giving their attendance gratis. In the course of a few years, the number of patients recommended by the subscribers, were so

numerous, that in 1790 it was considered necessary to enlarge the building; and two wings were added to it.—This beneficial establishment is supported by voluntary subscription, and once in three years a musical festival takes place, from which source it derives an unprecedented emolument. At the festival celebrated in 1817, the gross receipts, during the three days' performance, amounted to the sum of 847*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* and the treasurers of the Hospital received from the managers the sum of 4296*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* there not being an instance upon record of any institution receiving so much benefit, or such extensive patronage, from a similar source.

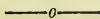
The periodical festivals from whence the Hospital derives such an astonishing revenue, have, since the year 1799, been arranged and principally directed by Mr. Joseph Moore; who, from his extensive musical knowledge, and indefatigable exertions for the benefit of this institution, has been the means of assembling together the principal vocal and instrumental performers in greater numbers than any other place in this kingdom can boast. On these occasions the combination of professional excellence, producing, as it were, an harmonious rivalry, calls forth the “concord of sweet sounds,” in a degree of perfection *not to be heard in any other performances whatever.* The nobility and gentry from all parts of the united kingdom have been induced to attend, not less to the benefit of the Hospital itself than to the general advantage of the town.

In 1812, the subscribers having assembled together, they united in one sentiment, and among themselves raised a sum of money, which they appropriated to the purchase of some handsome plate, and presented the same to Mr. Moore, as a testimony of respect for his unwearied assiduity, and gratuitously devoting his time to the benefit of this institution; whereon the following inscription was engraved :—

TO MR. JOSEPH MOORE,
who has raised
the Triennial Musical Festival,
instituted for the benefit of
the General Hospital at Birmingham,
from small beginnings to unrivalled grandeur and celebrity,
this token of respect and esteem for his great
and humane exertions,
is presented by friends to that charitable establishment,
the 3d day of April, 1812.



THE STATUTES AND RULES.



1. That this establishment be known and distinguished by the name of the General Hospital, near Birmingham, in the county of Warwick, for the relief of the Sick and Lane Poor, from whatever county recommended; and that the regulation of it be vested in the hands of governors qualified as hereafter mentioned.

2. That all benefactors of 50*l.* or upwards, at any one time, or whose benefactions at different times

may amount to 50*l.* be governors during life, and likewise have the privileges of the annual subscribers of five guineas.

3. That all benefactors of thirty guineas or upwards, be governors during twenty years, and have the privileges of annual subscribers of three guineas.

4. That all benefactors of twenty guineas or upwards, be governors during ten years, and have the privileges of annual subscribers of two guineas.

5. That all benefactors of ten guineas at any one time, shall have the privileges of annual subscribers of one guinea for ten years.

6. That all annual subscribers of two guineas or upwards, be governors during payment; but no subscriber is eligible to give a vote upon any occasion, until his name has been entered in the books at least twelve months.

7. That any person who shall pay into the hands of the governors any sum from an unknown hand, be entitled to the privileges allotted to a contributor of such a sum.

8. That the head magistrate, overseer, or other officer, for the time being, of any parish, society, or

body corporate, subscribing two guineas annually, be a governor during payment.

9. That the physicians and surgeons, during their attendance on the hospital, be governors, provided they attend gratis.

10. That any subscriber of one guinea annually, shall every year have the privilege of recommending one in and one out-patient; and so every subscriber according to his subscription, allowing a proportionable privilege to those who are both benefactors and subscribers; but that parishes subscribing to this hospital be required to pay a sum not less than two guineas, for the privilege of recommending one in and one out-patient.

11. That Messrs. Taylors and Lloyds, bankers, in Birmingham, be appointed treasurers to the Hospital, and that all monies whatever belonging thereto be paid into their hands; but that no payment be issued by them for the expenditures of the house, without an order signed by two of the weekly board.

12. That all subscriptions for the current year be paid as soon as may be after the year commences; and that all subscriptions entered after Lady-day and before Michaelmas, be deemed to commence from Lady-day; and that all subscriptions after Michaelmas and before Lady-day, be deemed to commence

from Michaelmas; and that it be understood such subscriptions will continue to be paid, unless the subscribers signify to the contrary by a letter to the secretary, sent three months before the subscriptions become due.

13. That no person whose subscription is in arrear shall be entitled to the privilege of his subscription till it be paid.

14. That the committee shall direct the secretary to send a monitory letter to such whose subscriptions have been three months in arrear, as the main support of this charity must depend on the regularity of its income. It is presumed, therefore, that no subscriber will think himself disrespectfully treated by receiving such monitory letters, it being the custom, upon those occasions, in all establishments of this nature.

15. That no patients be admitted into this hospital who can subsist themselves and pay for medicines; nor any persons whose cases may be deemed by the physicians and surgeons to be incurable, as it would defeat the intention of this charity, by converting the hospital into an alms-house.

16. That if any soldier be admitted into the hospital, except he is upon furlough, the officer belonging to his party shall engage to pay a sum for his subsistence not exceeding five shillings per week.

17. That a public board of governors be held at four stated times in the year, viz. the third Tuesday in March, the third Tuesday in June, the third Tuesday in September, and the third Tuesday in December.

18. That a power of making and repealing laws be vested in the public September board only; that a power of electing and removing officers be vested in all the public boards; and that all matters liable to create disputes, as election of officers, &c. be always determined by ballot of the governors at the quarterly meetings, and entered in the books as determined in that manner; that governors whose usual residence exceeds five miles from Birmingham, shall be allowed to vote by proxy, such vote to be delivered in writing on the day of election; and that whenever any officer of this house shall signify to the weekly board an intention to resign, notice thereof shall be inserted in such Birmingham newspaper as shall be first published, and that the governors be requested to keep their votes disengaged till the day of election.

19. That at the general board held in June, two auditors be annually chosen out of the governors; that they enter upon their office the same day; that they inspect and audit the accounts of the Hospital, and report the same from time to time, when required; that the said auditors, and such assistants as they may require, shall, some time before the annual meeting in September, prepare a report of the state

of the Hospital for one year, from Midsummer to Midsummer, and of the number of patients received and discharged within the year ; and likewise an abstract of the proceedings of the governors, and of the accounts of the Hospital during that time ; that the said report and abstract be laid before the governors at the general board to be held on the third Tuesday in September following, and afterwards printed, together with a list of subscriptions in arrear.

20. That there be a committee of eighteen governors nominated at this annual meeting, who shall be desired to attend one day in every week for the dispatch of the business of the hospital for the ensuing year ; and at the annual meeting in September, nine new members shall be chosen in the room of nine of the members who go out ; and that this mode be adopted annually, in order to perpetuate a succession of new members. Any three of the members so nominated shall constitute a committee, and be qualified to proceed to business ; but this committee shall at all times be open to every governor. If any member shall decline to act, the committee may nominate a successor.

21. That the orders of the weekly board be limited to the current expenditures of the house ; and that the quarterly courts only shall have power to direct how the property which may accumulate by sums of money given by will or otherwise, to the hospital, shall be disposed of.

22. That the members present at every board appoint their own chairman, who shall have a casting voice. That at all boards the governors be seated, and every one speaking shall stand up and address himself immediately to the chairman; nor shall any one speak more than twice in a debate, without permission.

23. That no person (not being a subscriber) be allowed to visit the wards without a guide ordered by the matron; nor any one admitted on a Sunday at any time.

24. That the clergy of the town be requested (till a regular chaplain be appointed) to attend the hospital in weekly rotation, and to read prayers at a convenient hour every day, or at least two days in a week, and that all patients who are able to leave their wards do attend divine service, unless leave of absence be given by the matron or house apothecary.

25. That the mode of dealing with tradesmen in general, be to publish an account of provisions or goods wanted, and notice for such as are willing to furnish the same to send their proposals, sealed up, to the secretary, at a day fixed, in order that the next weekly board may determine which shall be accepted.

26. That no subscriber, or other person, be present when any matter in which he is concerned

may be debating, except when he shall be desired to attend.

27. That two of the subscribers residing in Birmingham be appointed at every weekly board, to visit the house once every day for the ensuing week, either of which, in case of sickness or necessary avocation, may appoint another subscriber to be his deputy; that they walk through the wards, and that as soon as they enter, all persons withdraw, except the patients, who shall attend at their respective beds; that they enquire of the patients whether the physicians, surgeons, apothecary, matron, nurses, and servants, have attended them agreeably to the rules of the hospital; whether prayers have been duly read; whether the provisions were good, and have been properly weighed and distributed; that in their return from visiting the wards, the apothecary, matron, nurses, and servants, be ready to attend them, to answer all their questions; that the visitors enquire of them whether the patients have been guilty of swearing, drinking, or any indecent or irregular behaviour; whether any provisions have been carried out of the house or brought in clandestinely; that they view the provisions with which the house is supplied, and that they examine whether the rules and orders of the house have been observed.

28. That a book be deposited with the apothecary, wherein the visitors are to enter their names and time of visiting, together with a minute of any

thing they think fit to communicate to the weekly board, where this book shall be always regularly examined ; and that it be recommended to every governor visiting the hospital, to adopt the same practice as is here enjoined upon the visitors.

29. That no patient or person related to the hospital, do at any time presume, on pain of expulsion, to receive any fee, reward, or gratuity whatsoever, for any services done or to be done on account of the hospital.

30. That charity boxes be placed in a convenient part of the hospital, and also in such other places as the committee shall judge proper, to which there shall be two locks ; one key of which to be kept by the treasurers, and the other by some person appointed by the weekly board, and the money found in the box be applied to the use of the hospital.

31. That a table with the names of the physicians, surgeons, and visitors for the week, be regulated by the apothecary, and hung up in the hall of the hospital.

32. That a table of the rules and orders which relate to the conduct of the patients and servants, be hung up in each ward, and publicly read over every Monday morning, by the apothecary in the men's ward, and by the matron in the women's.

33. That four physicians and four surgeons be elected by the general board ; that it be understood that they are to give their attendance gratis, and that they be governors of this charity during such attendance.

34. That the secretary, house apothecary, or matron, may be suspended for misbehaviour by a committee of seven governors, who may appoint others to act during the suspension ; but any committee may, on a just complaint, remove the porter, messenger, nurses, or any of the common servants.

35. That all the deeds and archives belonging to the hospital be kept in a chest provided for that purpose, and secured under a proper number of locks, the keys whereof are to be kept by such persons as shall be appointed at the general board, held the third Tuesday in September.

36. That the committee be empowered to give suitable premiums (on the plan of the Humane Society established in London) to such persons as by their exertions shall be the means of saving their fellow-creatures from drowning, or of restoring to life those who may be apparently drowned or suffocated ; also, that they distribute printed directions for the recovery of persons apparently drowned or suffocated, and purchase suitable apparatus, to be left at such places as shall be judged proper and convenient.

PHYSICIANS.

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1. That the physicians attend in their turns at the hospital every Friday, at eleven o'clock, to examine such persons as shall be recommended for patients, to certify their opinions to the committee, and to receive under their care such as shall be admitted.

2. That all patients remain under the care of the physician whose turn it was to attend when they were admitted.

3. That the physicians do meet at the hospital every Thursday, to visit their in-patients, to note such as are to be discharged on the Friday following, and prescribe for the out-patients on such days as may be judged necessary.

4. That the physicians do visit their in-patients at other times, as they shall consider necessary, or shall have notice of any sudden emergency from the house apothecary.

5. That the physician of the week, if he cannot attend on the days of his turn for taking in patients, be requested to engage some other physician of the hospital to attend for him.

SURGEONS.



1. That the surgeons shall each in regular rotation attend at the hospital every Friday, at eleven o'clock, to meet the physicians, and assist in examining such persons as may be recommended for patients, to certify their opinions to the committee, and to receive under their care such as shall be admitted.

2. That they shall appoint a certain hour in the forenoon for the attendance of the out-patients at the hospital, and no out-patient shall be dressed who is not there at that hour.

3. That the surgeon of the week do also meet the physicians at the hospital every Thursday, to visit the in-patients, and to note such as are to be discharged on the following Friday, and that the surgeons visit their patients at such other times as they shall judge necessary, and be ready at all times when summoned upon any sudden emergency by the house apothecary.

4. That whenever the surgeon of the week cannot attend the hospital at the customary time, he shall engage some other surgeon of the hospital to attend for him.

5. That no amputation, or other capital operation, be performed, unless in cases of urgent necessity, without the previous consultation of the physicians and surgeons; and that no one be admitted to see the practice and operations of the house without the consent of the physicians and surgeons.

6. That each surgeon be allowed to have three pupils to attend the hospital for instruction; but no pupil or apprentice shall be permitted to perform any operation.

7. That the pupils of the surgeons be allowed to dress the patients under the direction of the surgeon, and that the patients be regularly attended to every morning before twelve o'clock.

8. That no person who acts as surgeon to the workhouse shall be eligible to attend this hospital at the same time; and if any candidate be elected who at the time of the election is surgeon to the workhouse, he shall engage to resign his office at the workhouse within six months from the day of his election at the hospital; and in case of failure therein, his election shall be deemed void, and the weekly board shall appoint some other to officiate in his room until the ensuing quarterly board.

APOTHECARY.

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1. That he shall not practice as an apothecary out of the hospital, nor dispense any medicines without the directions of the physicians or surgeons, except in cases of necessity, when they cannot be consulted.

2. That he shall fix a ticket on the bed of each patient, specifying the name of the patient, as also that of the physician or surgeon under whose care the patient may be, and the date of admission.

3. That he shall make a report to the committee of such patients as have been in the hospital two months, and deliver a list of such as have been received into the hospital during the foregoing week, and likewise an account of the number of beds that shall become vacant before the next day of taking in patients.

4. That he shall not permit the physicians' books, or the pharmacopœia, to be inspected by any one, without leave from the physicians and surgeons.

5. That he prepare such chemical and galenical medicines as the physicians and surgeons shall direct, at the elaboratory; and that no borrowing or lending of drugs be permitted on any pretence whatever.

6. That he give a list of the diet ordered for the patients to the matron each prescribing day.

7. That he shall visit the wards every morning and evening, and be prepared to make a report to the physicians and surgeons of the state of any particular patients; and that in cases of a critical sort, or where medicines of the utmost importance to the life of a patient are prescribed, such medicines shall be administered under his own particular inspection, if the physician or surgeon desire it.

8. That he shall not be absent from the hospital without leaving a note with the matron where he may be found; that he and the matron never leave the hospital at the same time, and that neither of them be absent after eleven o'clock at night.

9. That when any affairs of his own require absence, he shall signify the same to the committee or weekly board, and nominate another apothecary to officiate in his stead, who shall be approved of by the physicians and surgeons.

10. That his salary shall be forty pounds per annum and ten pounds as a gratuity, provided he remains longer than twelve months, and his conduct has been approved of by the physicians and surgeons, together with the weekly and general board; that he shall have his diet, washing, and lodging at the hospital, and also the liberty of taking a pupil or appren-

tice, who shall not board in the hospital, unless approved of by the governors, and a reasonable allowance be paid for his board.

11. That he shall not buy any drugs or medicines without the order of the physicians or surgeons, unless when any particular drug be wanting, for which he shall bring in his account to the board in the course of every week.



THE SECRETARY.



1. That the Secretary shall attend at every board, and make minutes of all proceedings; and that he be always prepared to produce the accounts of the society fairly written.

2. That he shall enter in a register the names of the in and out-patients, their parish, age, and distemper; when admitted, when discharged, and in what state.

3. That he shall keep an exact register of the subscribers and their subscriptions; when they were paid; and how many patients each subscriber has recommended within the year.

4. That he shall give a written notice every Thursday to the physician, surgeon, and visitors who are to attend the house the following week, requiring their attendance.

THE MATRON.

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1. That she take care of the household goods and furniture, according to the inventory, and be ready to give an account of the same when required.

2. That she visit the wards every morning and afternoon, and that she also go into all the offices every day, and take care that the chambers, beds, clothes, linen, and all things within her department, be kept clean and in good order; and that whenever any new furniture, or goods of any kind, shall be wanting, she immediately notify it to the weekly board.

3. That she keep a daily account of the provisions and other necessaries brought into the hospital, ready to lay before the weekly board; and that she attend to the proper distribution of them, and never suffer any to be carried out of the house, or to be wasted.

4. That she keep a diet book, corresponding to that of the apothecary, by which the number of patients may be known, and the distribution of the provisions distinctly appear.

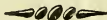
5. That she cause the names of the patients to be called over in each ward every morning and evening, and give a list of the names of those that are ab-

sent to the apothecary, who shall enquire into the occasion of such absence.

6. That she take care of the keys belonging to the doors, and see that the outer gates be always locked at nine in the evening, and not opened before seven in the morning, from Michaelmas to Lady-day ; and locked at ten in the evening, and not opened before six in morning, from Lady-day to Michaelmas.

7. That she oblige all the nurses, servants, and patients in the house do their duty, and observe the rules of the hospital, and in case of neglect or misbehaviour, that she acquaint the visitors or weekly board therewith.

8. That when any patient shall request the immediate assistance or advice of a clergyman, she shall send to the chaplain, or in case of his absence, to some other clergyman in the town, desiring the favour of his attendance on such an occasion ; and that she take particular care that patients of all persuasions so disposed may be attended in the manner they desire.



ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.



1. That no person is to be admitted into the hospital who can support himself and pay for medicines.

2. That all persons who are admitted be required to bring at least two shirts or two shifts, and if they live at distant places, they are desired to send beforehand, directed (post-paid) to the secretary, a short state of their case, drawn up by some physician, surgeon, or apothecary, that some judgment may be formed whether they are proper objects for the charity, that an answer may be returned when they can be admitted. But the committee are to be at full liberty to reject such patients, if it shall appear that their cases have been designedly misrepresented; nor will an answer be sent to any letters whose postage or carriage is not paid.

3. That all subscribers who shall recommend patients do consider themselves as responsible, in case of death, for the charges of their burial, unless their friends, or the parish to which such patients belong, do actually defray those charges. And it is expected that all subscribers who send patients from distant parts, shall also be accountable to the charity for any expences that may be found unavoidable in sending them home.

4. That all persons who apply to be admitted as patients, do bring their letters of recommendation to the hospital on Friday mornings, at ten o'clock; it being judged necessary, for the ease of the physicians and surgeons, to admit none after twelve o'clock; at which time the weekly board will be adjourned.

5. That all persons who meet with sudden accidents, and such as require immediate assistance be admitted at any hour.

6. That there be at all times a proper number of beds reserved for accidents, or for such cases as will not admit of delay.

7. That when there may be a want of room in the hospital for the admission of all duly recommended and qualified to be in-patients, the preference shall be given in cases of equal exigency—

First, To those who come from the greatest distance.

Secondly, To the recommendations of those benefactors or subscribers who have not recommended patients within the year.

Thirdly, To those recommended by the largest contributors.

8. That no persons disordered in their senses ; suspected to have the small-pox, itch, or other infectious distempers, having ulcers that are called habitual ; cancers not admitting operation, consumptions and dropsies in their last stages ; no women big with child, or child under seven years of age, except in very extraordinary cases, such as fractures, stone in the bladder, or where couching, trepanning, amputation, or other operation be requisite, be admitted. Persons judged to be incurable shall not be admitted as in-patients.

9. That no patients go out of the hospital without leave of the physician, surgeon, or apothecary. And that no person shall presume, on any account whatever, to lie out of the hospital, on pain of expulsion.

10. That such in-patients as are able, be allowed, with permission of their physician or surgeon, to go to their respective places of worship, on Sundays, in the forenoon and afternoon; but it is expressly enjoined that they return to the hospital directly afterwards.

11. That such patients as are discharged cured, or greatly relieved, be enjoined by the chairman of the committee to return thanks in their respective places of worship, and that they receive a printed form to be presented to their ministers for that purpose.

12. That whenever patients are discharged for irregularity or non-attendance, it be understood that such person can never be received again into the hospital upon any recommendation whatever.

13. That no men patients go into the women's ward, nor women into the men's ward, without leave of the matron.

14. That the patients be forbid the use of spirituous liquors, and the practice of smoking tobacco

within the house, and that they shall not be suffered to swear or curse, give abusive language, or in any manner behave themselves indecently, on pain of expulsion, if they do not amend after the first admonition.

15. That such of the patients as are able to work, be required, with the approbation of the apothecary, to assist the nurses and other servants in nursing the patients, washing and ironing the linen, washing and cleaning the wards, and in doing such other business as the matron shall direct.

16. That all patients be discharged at the end of two months after their admission, if not cured before, unless the physician or surgeon certify to the weekly board, that by remaining a reasonable time longer, there is a probability of their being cured, or receiving considerable relief.

17. That no patients be admitted into the hospital whose cases will allow an equal relief with regard to advice and medicines as out-patients.



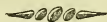
OUT-PATIENTS.

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1. That they attend exactly at the time appointed, and if they absent themselves twice together, without a reasonable cause, allowed to be such by their physician or surgeon, they shall be discharged.

2. That no fresh medicines be given them till they return their vials, gallipots, and such medicines as they have not taken.

4. That no out-patients presume to loiter about the hospital gate or places adjacent; but that they come directly to the place appointed for them, and that immediately as their business is dispatched, they return to their respective homes, on pain of being discharged for irregular behaviour.



NURSES AND SERVANTS.



1. That all persons concerned as nurses and servants be free from the burden of children and the care of a family.

2. That the nurses clean their respective wards by seven in the morning from the first day of March to the first of October, and by eight in the morning from the first of October to the first day of March or April.

3. That they take care to administer the medicines duly, according to directions, and that they prevent liquors or provisions of any sort being brought into the house to the patients from their friends, or any other persons whatsoever.

4. That the nurses and servants obey the apothecary

cary as their master, and the matron as their mistress; that they behave with tenderness to the patients, and with civility and respect to strangers.

5. That the porter carefully attend the gate, and not permit any in-patient to go out without leave; and that when any stranger comes to the hospital he inform the matron.

6. That the porter also obey the orders of the physicians, surgeons, and apothecary, and do the labouring work of the house, when directed by the apothecary and the matron; and that when he is required to be absent upon any business, he give the matron notice, that another may be appointed to attend at the gate till he returns.



THE FORM OF A LETTER TO RECOMMEND A PATIENT,



To the Governors of the General Hospital,
near Birmingham.

*I recommend to your examination
of the parish of _____ in the county
of _____ whom I believe to be a real object
of charity, and desire _____ may be admitted an
patient of the hospital, if duly qualified.*

N. B. This letter is to be delivered at the hospital on Friday morning, at ten o'clock, no patients being admitted after twelve, except accidents.

It is requested that subscribers will direct the patients to be sent in as clean as possible, and with a proper change of linen; for those suspected to have the itch cannot be admitted in-patients.

Every subscriber is requested to guard against giving a recommendation for a patient to any one who requests it, when he who makes the request is capable of subscribing himself.

Linen rags, of which a large quantity are constantly used, will be always deemed a very acceptable present.



FORM of an ANSWER when the PERSON RECOMMENDED is thought IMPROPER to be ADMITTED.

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SIR,

General Hospital.

By order of the weekly board, I beg leave to acquaint you, that recommended by you as an patient, appears, upon examination, improper to be admitted.



FORM OF AN ANSWER WHEN THE HOUSE IS FULL.

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SIR,

General Hospital.

By order of the weekly board, I beg leave to inform you, that recommended by you to be an in-patient, cannot yet be received into the house for want of room, but for the present is made an out patient, and will be received into the house upon the vacancy.

FORM of a LETTER WHEN A PATIENT IS DISCHARGED FOR IRREGULARITY.

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SIR,

General Hospital.

By order of the weekly board, I beg leave to acquaint you, that the board, on examination, being fully assured of the irregular behaviour of recommended by you, have thought themselves obliged to discharge

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FORM of RETURNING THANKS for a CURE, or HAVING OBTAINED RELIEF.

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A B. having obtained a cure, or received great relief at the General Hospital, desires to return thanks to Almighty God for the same.

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FORM of a LETTER to be sent to SUBSCRIBERS WHO ARE IN ARREAR.

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SIR,

General Hospital.

Pursuant to the rules of this society, I am to acquaint you, that it appears by the secretary's books, that your subscription of per annum, due at has not been yet received, it will therefore be deemed a favour if you will be pleased to pay it to the treasurers, and to excuse this application, as it is the constant custom of other hospitals.

All such as are disposed to contribute to the support of this charity by WILL, are requested to do it exactly in the manner following, as from a defect in the form the hospital may be deprived of the intended benevolence :—

ITEM.—*I give and bequeath unto A.B. and C.D. the sum of upon trust and to the intent that they or either of them, do pay the same to the treasurer or assistant treasurer of a society who call themselves The Governors of the General Hospital, near Birmingham; which sum I charge upon my personal estate, and desire it may be applied to the charitable uses of the said hospital.*

DIRECTIONS FROM THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

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WHEN A PERSON IS APPARENTLY DROWNED.

In all cases immediately dispatch one messenger for medical assistance; and also another to the nearest house, where warm water, a good fire, and a warm bed, can be procured, for the reception of the unfortunate person. The body should not be held with the head downwards, nor placed on a barrel, nor should any endeavour be made to drain off the water supposed to be swallowed.

To restore the body to a proper degree of heat,

and convey air into the lungs, are the two principal objects to be attended to in all cases ; therefore,

1. When the body is taken out of the water, strip and wrap it closely in a coat, blanket, or other warm covering, and convey it in a gentle manner to the nearest commodious house, with the face upwards, and the head a little raised.

2. Lay it on a bed or mattress, which has been heated by a warming-pan, in a chamber containing a fire ; or, during summer, in the sun-shine. Dry the body completely with warm cloths, and afterwards rub it with perseverance, but gently, with hot flannels in every part, especially about the heart. Apply to the hands, feet, and under the arm-pits, cloths heated by a warming-pan, heated bricks, or bottles filled with hot water, the bricks or bottles being wrapped in flannel. While these methods are being pursued, a tub of warm water should be got ready, and then the body placed in it up to the neck, and kept therein half an hour, during which time let the body be rubbed with the hand.

N.B. The water should not be hotter than can be comfortably borne by the assistants, and the heat of all the applications before directed should be moderate.

When the body is taken out of the tub, it must be wiped dry, laid upon a bed, and treated according to the directions before-mentioned.

3. During the foregoing operations, apply the pipe of a pair of bellows to one of the nostrils, the other nostril and the mouth being closed by an assistant, and blow gently till the breast be a little raised. Let the mouth and nostril then be left free, and an easy pressure made upon the breast. Repeat this imitation of natural breathing till signs of returning life appear, when it is to be gradually discontinued.

N. B. If no bellows are at hand, let an assistant blow into the nostrils of the drowned person with his breath, through any small tube, taking care not to injure the nostril.

4. When symptoms of breathing appear, let a feather, dipped in spirits of hartshorn, or sharp mustard, be occasionally introduced into the nostrils; pepper or snuff may also be blown into them. A glyster should now be given without delay, composed of rum, brandy, or gin, mixed with six times its quantity of warm water.

5. When the patient is able to swallow, administer to him or her, by spoonfuls, warm wine, or spirits mixed with water; but this should be left to the direction of the medical gentleman who is present.

6. When life is completely restored, the sufferer should remain at rest in a warm bed; be supplied moderately with wine-whey, ale-posset, or other

nourishing drinks ; and gentle sweating should be encouraged.

N. B. These attentions should be continued until the patient is perfectly safe, several persons having been lost from being left too soon.

Particular care should be taken that not more than six persons be admitted into the room, as a greater number will be entirely useless, and serve only to render the air more intemperate, and create confusion.

The means above recommended should be used without ceasing for three or four hours ; it being absurd to suppose that persons are irrecoverably dead because life does not soon make its appearance.

HANGING.

1. In case of hanging, if a medical assistant be present, let him take a few ounces of blood from the jugular veins.

2. The other methods of treatment are to be the same as recommended for the recovery of persons apparently drowned.

SUFFOCATION BY NOXIOUS VAPOURS.

The body to be laid naked on boards, in a sloping posture, with the head and face uppermost, in the open air, and cold water thrown, or dashed in small quantities in the face, and on other parts of the body, in a rapid and smart manner, for a length of time,

without intermission, until signs of life be obtained. The lungs should be blown into at the same time, as directed in cases of drowning. The nose and mouth should be bathed with spirits of hartshorn or sal volatile, and a glyster should be injected, composed of rum, brandy, or gin, mixed with six times its quantity of warm water.

FROST.

Rub the body with snow, or cloths dipped in cold water, but not near a fire, it being of material consequence that the warmth should be imparted by slow degrees; the treatment in either respects to be the same as for the recovery of persons apparently drowned.

SMOTHERING IN CHILD-BIRTH, OR BY CONFINEMENT UNDER BED CLOTHES, &c.

1. In cases of still-born children, blow air into the mouth till the breast be a little raised, then gently press the chest with the hand, and repeat this process till natural breathing begins; rub the body gently with warm flannel, and foment the legs and feet with water moderately warm, or put the whole body up to the chin in warm water.

2. When a child has been overlaid, if (as is generally the case) the body be too hot, it should be exposed immediately to a current of air for a short time, and the lungs blown into by the mouth of the assistant; in other respects, it should be treated in

the same way that has been recommended in suffocation by drowning.

No other means but what are here recommended should ever be used, except under the immediate direction of some medical gentleman.

POISON.

In all cases of this kind, give the person a large quantity of warm water, say five or six quarts, with as much soap as can be dissolved in it, and send for medical assistance immediately.

COMMON DEATHS.

It is particularly recommended to all persons not to lay out bodies and abandon them as dead, when the first signs of life disappear; but in all cases to have them examined by some physician or surgeon before they are enclosed in the coffin.



In all cases within moderate distances, reasonable expences will be paid, and premiums given to those who take in the bodies, and to the assistants, as the cases may require; but it is expected that the persons recovered shall attend at the Committee, which is held at the General Hospital every Friday, between eleven and twelve o'clock.

It is requested that all publicans will have these

directions pasted on a board, and hung up in the public rooms, and that housekeepers in general will also have them fixed up in some conspicuous part of their houses, and manufacturers in their shops.

As this humane institution will occasion an additional expense to the General Hospital, it is hoped that the benevolent will encourage it by benefactions and subscriptions.

N. B. These directions are delivered gratis at the General Hospital, near Birmingham.



SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM 1766 to 1780.

			£	s.	£	s.
Amount	..	..	4531	15		
					4531	15



DONATIONS, BENEF ACTIONS, AND LEGACIES.

			£	s.	£	s.
1782. Edward Crynes	..	..	50	0		
					50	0
1783. Joseph Walker	..	..	100	0		
William Withering, M.D.			21	0		
Timothy Hollis	..	..	21	0		
William Whitmore..	..	..	10	10		
					152	10
1784. Mrs. Clark	..	..	20	0		
					20	0

		£	s.	£	s.
1785.	A Lady unknown	..	500	0	
	Mrs. Stanton	..	52	10	
			<hr/>	552	10
1786.	Lord Middleton	..	20	0	
	Mrs. Crynes	..	52	10	
			<hr/>	72	10
1787.	William Holden	..	20	0	
			<hr/>	20	0
1788.	John Brooke	..	21	0	
	A. and M. Yardley		50	0	
			<hr/>	71	0
1789.	Edward Horne	..	10	10	
	Philip Pusey	..	31	10	
			<hr/>	42	0
1790.	Jane Brandwood	..	20	0	
	Birmingham Canal Co.		26	5	
	Thomas Corbyn	..	21	0	
	Stephen Logette	..	50	0	
	Lewis Placide Le Peleur		50	0	
	Mary Bayley	..	100	0	
	Jeremiah Lowe	..	50	0	
	Mary Galton	..	100	0	
	Unknown	..	20	0	
1790.	Joanna Harris	..	1000	0	
	Elizabeth Hollier	..	200	0	
	J. M. Chadwick	..	500	0	
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1791.	Thomas Westley	..	400	0	
	Henry Clay	..	30	0	
	J. B.	..	10	10	
	Edward Carver	..	100	0	

		£	s.	£	s.
1791.	Mary Steward ..	100	0		
	J. Gisborne ..	10	0		
	John Lane ..	31	0		
		<hr/>		681	10
1792.	John Levett ..	10	10		
	Samuel Galton, 30 beds	300	0		
	Lord Eardley ..	50	0		
		<hr/>		360	10
1793.	George Mackmillan ..	100	0		
	James Taylor ..	100	0		
	William Scott ..	100	0		
	J. Gisborne ..	10	0		
	Rev. T. Bree ..	200	0		
		<hr/>		510	0
1794.	George Hollington Barker	10	10		
	Philip Pusey ..	31	10		
	John Gill ..	100	0		
	William Simpson ..	50	0		
		<hr/>		192	0
1795.	Thomas Webb ..	10	0		
	Samuel Galton ..	300	0		
	William Holden ..	300	0		
		<hr/>		610	0
1796.	William Adams ..	10	10		
	Thomas Aynsworth ..	100	0		
	Mary Hale ..	50	0		
	Elizabeth Cradock ..	50	0		
		<hr/>		210	10
1797.	Thomas Gem .	10	10		
	John Levett ..	10	10		
	Earl of Warwick ..	50	0		

		£	s.	£	s.
1797.	Charles Birch ..	500	0		
	Jane Brandwood ..	100	0		
	William Ward ..	100	0		
	J. B. Hawkesford ..	100	0		
	Theodosia Bradburne	50	0		
		<hr/>		921	0
1798.	Richard Taylor ..	100	0		
	A. M. Walter ..	100	0		
	Samuel Bradburne ..	10	0		
		<hr/>		210	0
1799.	Stephen Colmore ..	50	0		
	Lionel Colmore ..	50	0		
	William Alsop ..	100	0		
		<hr/>		200	0
1800.	Charles Taylor ..	100	0		
	Mary Jessop ..	20	0		
		<hr/>		120	0
1801.	Mrs. Villers ..	100	0		
	Mrs. Hopper ..	50	0		
		<hr/>		150	0
1802.	Matthew Boulton ..	100	0		
	Thomas Hawkes ..	10	10		
	Rev. John Jaques ..	50	0		
	Sir Robert Peel ..	100	0		
	Thomas Pickford ..	50	0		
	Elizabeth Farquharson	100	0		
		<hr/>		410	10
1803.	William Freeman ..	50	0		
		<hr/>		50	0
1804.	Ann Gold ..	21	0		
	Thomas Green ..	100	0		

		£	s.	£	s.
1804.	Mary Hall	..	100	0	
	Robert Coales	..	100	0	
	Charles Proctor	..	10	0	
	Samuel Pemberton	..	100	0	
			—	431	0
	Samuel Galton, jun. 100 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>per Cents.</i>				
	Isaac Hawkins, 2000 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>per Cents.</i>				
	J. and J. Boulton 200 <i>l.</i> 3 <i>per Cents.</i>				
1805.	Joseph Sheldon	..	105	0	
	Christopher Law	..	20	0	
	Catherine Nickins	100 <i>l.</i>	Old South		
	<i>Sea Annuities.</i>				
	Mrs. Bentley	..	50	0	
	W. M.	..	100	0	
	Dowager Lady Middleton		100	0	
	Elizabeth Moore	..	100	0	
	James Moore	..	100	0	
	John Hawker	..	100	0	
	Humphrey Vaughton		400	0	
	William Wallis Mason		50	0	
			—	1125	0
1806.	Andrew Newton	..	100	0	
			—	100	0
1807.	Sir Roger Newdigate	..	100	0	
	Richard Sadler	..	40	0	
			—	140	0
1808.	William Homer	..	50	0	
	John Cooper	..	200	0	
	Elizabeth Mansfield		21	0	
			—	271	0

		£	s.	£	s.
1810.	Elizabeth Moore ..	10	0		
	Matthew Boulton ..	100	0		
	Thomas Underhill ..	50	0		
	Mary Underhill ..	30	0		
		<hr/>		190	0
1811.	Hicken Bold ..	50	0		
	Rebecca Orr ..	10	0		
		<hr/>		60	0
1812.	Kenelm Digby, 3 Shares in the Coventry Canal	2400	0		
	Mary Ruston ..	50	0		
	William Cotton ..	100	0		
		<hr/>		2550	0
1813.	Edward Davis ..	100	0		
	Thomas Whateley ..	1000	0		
	Mary Wheeler ..	20	0		
	Sir Robert Peel ..	500	0		
		<hr/>		1620	0
1814.	G. T. Bulkeley ..	10	0		
	John Taylor ..	100	0		
	Elizabeth Moore ..	20	0		
	John Lyttleton ..	105	0		
	Richard Peart ..	10	0		
		<hr/>		245	0
1815.	John Richardson ..	21	0		
	John Dallaway ..	100	0		
	W. Walmsley ..	31	0		
	Francis Mole ..	50	0		
	Ambrose Tibbatts ..	100	0		
	John Ruston ..	50	0		
		<hr/>		352	0

		£	s.	£	s.
1816.	Grand Duke Nicholas	100	0		
	Jane Hodgetts ..	50	0		
	James Tompson ..	105	0		
	George Parker ..	500	0		
	Joseph Wilcox ..	500	0		
		<hr/>		1255	0
1817.	John Iddins ..	100	0		
	Thomas Spurrier ..	100	0		
	Joseph Chattaway ..	100	0		
	Martha Ward ..	50	0		
	Thomas Ingram ..	50	0		
	William Hicks ..	50	0		
	Thomas Richards ..	100	0		
	Grand Duke Michael	100	0		
		<hr/>		650	0
1818.	Sarah Haden ..	50	0		
	Alexander Forrest ..	50	0		
	Isaac Hawkins Browne	100	0		
		<hr/>		200	0
1819.	Mary Rose ..	10	10		
	John Campbell ..	21	0		
	James Watt ..	100	0		
		<hr/>		131	10
1820.	Edward Palmer ..	500	0		
	Thomas Colmore ..	100	0		
	Charles Glover ..	100	0		
	Thomas Wright ..	200	0		
	Joseph Stubbs 52 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>				
	4 per Cents.				
	Thomas Astbury ..	500	0		
		<hr/>		1400	0

Exclusive of the preceding the following Legacies have been received, but the Dates are not specified.

		£	s.
E. Dudley ..	..	80	0
George Masters	..	100	0
Sampson Lloyd	..	50	0
John Bradburn	..	10	0
Ann Murray..	..	5	0
Elizabeth Brandwood		50	0
Osgood Hanbury	..	50	0
William Taylor	..	300	0
Edward Burton	..	40	0
Ann Sawyer	..	100	0
Elizabeth Ford	..	21	0
George Hopper	..	100	0
Brooke Smith	..	50	0
Joseph Webster	..	50	0
Edward Winfield	..	10	10
Thomas Brittain	..	100	0
Thomas Brueton	..	5	5
Unknown ..	.	200	0
Richard Massey	..	10	0
Francis Wheeley	..	10	10

The Right Honourable Lord Dudley and Ward has, in the most generous manner, supplied this Hospital with Coal, so far as his mine right extends, ever since 1784.

**PHYSICIANS, WHO HAVING DEVOTED
THEIR ATTENTION, RESIGNED.**

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JOHN ASH,
THOMAS SMITH,
WILLIAM WITHERING,
EDWARD JOHNSTONE,
WILLIAM GILBY,
RICHARD PEARSON,
JOHN CARMICHAEL,
ROBERT BREE,
J. P. SMITH,
JOHN BRIGHT,
GEORGE MILNE,



PHYSICIANS AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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DR. JOHN JOHNSTONE,
DR. G. E. MALE,
DR. JOHN BOOTH,
DR. G. DE LYS,



**SURGEONS, WHO HAVING EXERTED
THEIR ABILITIES, RESIGNED.**

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ROBERT WARD,
GEORGE KENNEDY,
JOHN FREER. JUN.

JEREMIAH VAUX,
 THOMAS TOMLINSON,
 THOMAS TOMLINSON, JUN.



SURGEONS WHO NOW OFFICIATE.



MR. GEORGE FREER,
 MR. SAMUEL DICKENSON,
 MR. RICHARD WOOD,
 MR. BOWYER VAUX,



HOUSE APOTHECARY,

MR. FREDERICK JUKES.



MATRON,

MRS. RANDALL.



The resident officiating Clergy of the Establishment read prayers to the patients twice a week; taking it by monthly rotations.



Date.	In-Patients.	Out-Patients.	Annual Subscriptions.		
			£	s.	d.
1779 } 1780 }	225	304	1041	10	6
1781	332	383	954	9	0
1782	406	356	973	7	0
1783	373	411	941	16	2

Date.	In-patients.	Out-Patients.	Annual Subscriptions.		
			£	s.	d.
1784	458	378	996	8	2
1785	463	402	1104	12	0
1786	601	472	1260	19	4
1787	663	544	1169	12	4
1788	687	573	1120	5	4
1789	667	613	1510	17	10
1790	704	670	1531	17	4
1791	750	611	1402	12	8
1792	764	640	1312	11	0
1793	766	644	1293	10	2
1794	805	636	1409	3	0
1795	789	542	1303	2	0
1796	809	547	1363	16	8
1797	848	417	1246	8	0
1798	834	340	1065	15	0
1799	634	312	1201	3	3
1800	725	405	1360	7	0
1801	882	695	1165	10	0
1802	803	655	1216	10	0
1803	832	725	1125	1	2
1804	766	734	1220	0	0
1805	786	928	1163	9	0
1806	928	2007	1266	7	0
1807	907	1313	1276	9	0
1808	911	1509	1780	5	6
1809	934	1218	1257	18	0
1810	920	1514	1374	6	0
1811	979	1188	1533	0	0
1812	912	1262	1474	8	0

Date.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Annual Subscriptions.		
			£	s.	d.
1813	1012	1513	1523	2	0
1814	1100	1627	1645	11	9
1815	1082	1955	1544	11	0
1816	1115	1278	1415	10	0
1817	1197	2479	1450	1	0
1818	1167	2541	1507	4	0
1819	1252	2620	1712	14	0
1820	1251	3153	1451	2	0
Total ..	33039	41114			

N.B. The annual Subscriptions do not amount to more than one half the expenses.



Independent of Donations, Benefactions, and Legacies, the undermentioned Sums have been received, in aid of this laudable Institution:—

	£	s.	d.
1781. The Lord Bishop of Chester preached a Sermon at St. Philip's Church, after which the Collection amounted to..	135	13	1
1784. Profits of a Musical Festival ..	703	0	0
1787. Ditto .. ditto ..	964	0	0
1790. Ditto .. ditto ..	958	14	8
1791. Ditto from Mrs. Jordan's Per- formance	62	13	1
1796. Ditto from a Musical Festival ..	897	0	0

			£	s.	d.
1797.	Profits from a Play (Mr. M'Cready)	67	2	0	
1799.	Ditto ditto	87	9	6	
	Ditto from a Musical Festival	1470	0	0	
1800.	Ditto from a Play (Mr. M'Cready)	67	11	6	
1801.	Ditto from the Theatre ..	195	10	4	
	Ditto ditto	202	5	10	
	Ditto ditto (Mr.M'Cready)	189	19	6	
1802.	Ditto ditto	156	11	0	
	Ditto ditto	153	13	0	
	Ditto from a Musical Festival	2380	17	4	
1803.	Ditto from a Play	201	17	6	
1804.	Ditto ditto (Mr.M'Cready)	125	6	6	
1805.	Ditto ditto (Mr.M'Cready)	209	2	0	
	Ditto from a Musical Festival	2202	17	11	
1806.	Ditto from a Play (Mr. M'Cready)	205	5	6	
1807.	Ditto from a Choral Meeting	91	9	3	
	Ditto from a Play	220	0	0	
1808.	Ditto from a Musical Festival	3257	19	8	
1810.	Ditto from a Play (Mr.Watson)	142	11	0	
1810.	Ditto from a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Outram ..	111	11	9	
1810.	Profits from a Play (Mr. M'Cready)	163	3	0	
1811.	Ditto ditto (Mr.M'Cready) *				
	Ditto from a Musical Festival	3629	10	0	
1813.	Ditto from a Play (Mr. M'Cready)	87	19	6	

* The produce of this Play could not be ascertained.

			£	s.	d.
1814.	Ditto from a Sermon by the				
	Rev. J. H. Spry	..	149	9	6
	Ditto from a Play ..	..	147	10	6
	Ditto from a Musical Festival		3111	15	2
1816.	Ditto from a Play ..	..	126	18	0
1817.	Ditto from a Sermon by the				
	Rev. R. Kennedy	..	125	10	0
	Ditto from a Musical Festival		4296	10	10
1818.	Ditto from a Play ..	..	174	16	0
1819.	Ditto from two Sermons	..	133	1	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
	Ditto from a Play (Mr. Bunn)		28	5	6

Musical Festivals.

In the year 1778, a Musical Festival was celebrated in aid of St. Paul's Chapel and the Hospital, conjointly, which took place on the 2d, 3d, and 4th of September; the performances were a selection of Sacred Music at St. Philip's Church—the oratorio of Judas Maccabeus, and the Messiah; which produced near eight hundred pounds, gross money; of which sum the managers paid to the treasurers of the Hospital one hundred and seventy pounds.

In 1784, a musical festival took place for the benefit of the Hospital, on the 22d of September, which continued for three days, when the gross produce amounted to 1325*l.* of which the treasurers received 703*l.*

In 1787, the managers engaged Mrs. Billington, Miss Harwood, Messrs. Harrison, Saville, Matthews, Sale, Reynoldson, and other musical performers; when, on the 22d of August, a grand selection of sacred music was performed at St. Philip's Church; on the 23d the Oratorio of Israel in Egypt took place;

and on the 24th the Messiah was performed, which gave universal satisfaction to the numerous visitors, many of whom came from a considerable distance. The gross produce, upon this occasion, amounted to nineteen hundred and eighty pounds; of which the managers paid to the treasurers upwards of nine hundred and sixty-four pounds.

Being thus far successful, it was determined upon to renew the festival every third year, and in consequence, Madame Mara, Miss Abrams, Miss T. Abrams, Miss Mahon, Messrs. Norris, Saville, Reinhold, Matthews, Champness, Knyvett, and other eminent performers, both vocal and instrumental, attended; and in August, 1790, the following performances took place, when the amount received was as specified below.

1790.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 25. Admission to St.						
Philip's Church	212	0	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Theatre	140	10	0			
Ball	22	2	0			
	<hr/>			374	12	0
Aug. 26. Admission to St.						
Philip's Church	439	6	0	<i>Oratorio of the Messiah.</i>		
Theatre	270	1	0			
Ball	75	0	0			
	<hr/>			784	7	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 27. Admission to St. Philip's Church	500	5	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Theatre	270	18	0			
Ball	35	16	0			
	<hr/>			806	19	0
Gross receipts				1965	18	0
Expenses incurred				1007	3	4
				<hr/>		
Paid to the Treasurers of the Hospital				£958	14	8
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The Theatre having been destroyed by Fire,
there was not any festival celebrated in 1793.



1796.

Sept. 1. Admission to St. Philip's Church	247	9	0	<i>Miscellaneous Performance.</i>		
Theatre	117	5	0			
Ball at the Hotel	10	5	0			
	<hr/>			374	19	0
Sept. 2. Admission to St. Philip's Church	208	11	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Theatre	338	15	0			
Ball at the Shakspeare	102	15	0			
	<hr/>			650	1	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 3. Admission to St.						
Philip's Church	633	14	0			
Theatre	358	12	0			
Ball at the Hotel	26	15	0			
				1019	1	0
Gross receipts				2044	1	0
Expenses incurred				1147	1	0
Paid to the Treasurers ..				£897	0	0

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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS,

Madame Mara, Mrs. Second, Messrs. Kelly, Bartleman, Neild, &c.

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From this time, the Balls have continually been held at the Shakspeare, under the same roof with the Theatre.



1799.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 18. Admission to St.						
Philip's Church	345	6	3			
Theatre	161	1	0			
Ball	45	5	0			
				551	12	3
Sept. 19. Admission to St.						
Philip's Church	621	6	3			
Theatre	341	3	0			
Ball	92	0	0			
				1054	9	3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sept 20. Admission to St. Philip's Church	491	6	6	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Theatre	363	0	0			
Ball	75	18	0			
	<hr/>			930	4	6
Profit of Books				7	14	6
Gross receipts				2544	0	6
Expenses incurred				1074	0	6
Paid to the Treasurers ..				£1470	0	0
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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Madame Mara, Miss Poole,
Messrs. Bartleman, Elliott, Harrison, Knyvett, Dangerfield, Birch, &c.



1802.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Sept. 22. Admission to St. Philip's Church	102	19	6	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	374	18	0 $\frac{1}{4}$			
	<hr/>			477	17	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Theatre	286	14	0			
Ball	44	8	6			
	<hr/>			331	2	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sept. 23. Admission to St. Philip's Church	647	6	6	<i>Oratorio of the Creation.</i>		
Collection at the door	148	18	0			
	<hr/>			796	4	6
Theatre	480	18	0			
Ball	131	13	6			
	<hr/>			621	11	6
Sept. 24. Admission to St. Philip's Church	629	16	6	<i>Oratorio of the Messiah.</i>		
Collection at the door	350	12	0			
	<hr/>			980	8	6
Theatre	488	17	0			
Ball	69	15	6			
	<hr/>			558	12	6
Profit of books				55	0	0
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Gross receipts				3820	17	0 $\frac{1}{4}$
Expences incurred				1439	19	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
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Paid to the Treasurers ..				£2380	17	4
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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Madame Dusseck, Miss Tennant, Mrs. Mountain.
Messrs. Braham, Knyvett, Elliott, Denman, &c.

1805.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 2. Admission to St. Philip's Church	87	18	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	176	4	10			
	<hr/>			264	2	10
Theatre	387	15	6			
Ball	59	8	0			
	<hr/>			447	3	6
Oct. 3. Admission to St. Philip's Church	1056	4	0	<i>Oratorio of the Messiah.</i>		
Collection at the door	283	5	0			
	<hr/>			1339	9	0
Theatre	542	3	6			
Ball	144	12	0			
	<hr/>			686	15	6
Oct. 4. Admission to St. Philip's Church	509	18	6	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	162	1	0			
	<hr/>			671	19	6
Theatre	559	14	0			
Ball	83	2	0			
	<hr/>			642	16	0
Profit of books				170	0	0
	<hr/>					
Gross receipts				4222	6	4
Expenses incurred				2019	8	5
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Paid to the Treasurers ..				£2202	17	11
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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Mrs. Billington, Mrs. Vaughan, Miss Melville.

Messrs. Bartleman, Harrison, Vaughan, Knyvett, &c.

1808.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 5. Admission to St. Philip's Church	128	10	6	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	242	7	3½			
	<hr/>			370	17	9½
Theatre	492	0	0			
Ball	80	14	0			
	<hr/>			572	14	0
Oct. 6. Admission to St. Philip's Church	1128	8	0	<i>Oratorio of the Messiah.</i>		
Collection at the door	362	7	5			
	<hr/>			1490	15	5
Theatre	709	16	6			
Ball	215	14	0			
	<hr/>			925	10	6
Oct. 7. Admission to St. Philip's Church	841	19	0	<i>Oratorio of the Creation.</i>		
Collection at the door	322	14	0			
	<hr/>			1164	13	0
Theatre	758	17	6			
Ball	49	4	0			
	<hr/>			808	1	6
Profit of Books				179	0	0
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Gross Receipts				5511	12	2½
Expenses incurred				2253	12	6½
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Paid to the Treasurers ..				£3257	19	8
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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Mrs. Billington, Miss Hawkins, Mrs. Vaughan.
 Messrs. Braham, Buggins, Vaughan, Goss, Elliott,
 Naldi, &c,

1811.

£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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Oct. 2.	Admission to St.					<i>Selection of</i>
	Philip's Church	225	15	6		<i>Sacred Music.</i>
	Collection at the door	449	11	6		
		<hr/>			675	7 0
	Theatre .. .	524	19	6		
	Ball	70	7	0		
		<hr/>			595	6 6
Oct. 3.	Admission to St.					<i>Oratorio of</i>
	Philip's Church	1350	10	0		<i>the Messiah.</i>
	Collection at the door	297	14	6		
		<hr/>			1648	4 6
	Theatre . . .	791	7	0		
	Ball	148	8	0		
		<hr/>			939	15 0
Oct. 4.	Admission to St.					<i>Selection of</i>
	Philip's Church	1384	0	0		<i>Sacred Music.</i>
	Collection at the door	283	2	3		
		<hr/>			1667	2 3
	Theatre	904	18			
	Ball	79	9	0		
		<hr/>			984	7 6
	Profit of books ..				170	0 0
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	Gross Receipts ..				6680	2 9
	Expenses incurred				3050	12 9
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	Paid to the Treasurers				£3629	10 0
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Donation by Madame Catalani £52. 10s. Mrs. Lacy £21.
Mr. Braham £26. 5s.

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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Trebles — Madame Catalani, Mrs. Vaughan, Miss
Melville, and 37 others.

Counter Tenors — Mr. William Knyvett, Miss J. Fletcher, Mr. S. Buggins, and 25 others.

Tenors — Messrs. Braham, Vaughan, and 26 others.

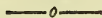
Basses — Messrs. Bartleman, Bellamy, Lacy, and 31 others.



1814.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 5. Admission to St. Philip's Church	189	10	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	158	14	0			
	<hr/>			348	4	0
Theatre	631	17	0			
Ball	62	0	0			
	<hr/>			693	17	0
Oct. 6. Admission to St. Philip's Church	1441	10	0	<i>Oratorio of the Messiah.</i>		
Collection at the door	432	7	0			
	<hr/>			1873	17	0
Theatre	1000	6	0			
Ball	175	6	0			
	<hr/>			1175	12	0
Oct. 7. Admission to St. Philip's Church	1286	0	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	373	6	0			
	<hr/>			1659	6	0
Theatre	991	17	0			
Ball	58	9	0			
	<hr/>			1050	6	0
Profit of books				248	0	0
Donations from Performers				75	10	0
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			£	s.	d.
Gross receipts	7124	12	0
Expenses incurred	4012	16	10
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Paid to the Treasurers	£3111	15	2
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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Madame Catalani, Miss Stephens, Miss Travis,
Miss Smethurst, Miss Stott, Miss Russell, Mrs.
Vaughan, &c.

Messrs. Bartleman, Vaughan, Knyvett, Bellamy,
W. Elliott, Evans, J. Elliott, S. Buggins, Denman,
Tett, &c.



1817.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 1. Admission to St.				<i>Selection of</i>		
Philip's Church	224	5	6	<i>Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	303	0	9			
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				527	6	3
Theatre	862	17	0			
Ball	97	13	0			
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				960	10	0
Oct. 2. Admission to St.				<i>Oratorio of</i>		
Philip's Church	1359	0	0	<i>the Messiah.</i>		
Collection at the door	423	13	6			
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				1782	13	6
Theatre	1023	0	0			
Ball	170	9	0			
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				1193	9	0

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Oct. 3. Admission to St. Philip's Church 1776	1	0	0	<i>Selection of Sacred Music.</i>		
Collection at the door	474	4	0			
	<hr/>			2250	5	0
Theatre	1106	8	0			
Ball	80	10	0			
	<hr/>			1186	18	0
Profit of books				254	16	6
Additional Donations				320	8	6
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Gross receipts				8746	6	9
Expenses incurred				4449	15	11
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Paid to the Treasurers ..				£4296	10	10
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PRINCIPAL VOCAL PERFORMERS.

Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Vaughan, Madame Camporese, Miss J. Fletcher, Miss Travis, Mrs. Tett, Mrs. Byers, Miss Stephens, &c.

Messrs. Bartleman, Bellamy, J. Elliott, Hobbs, W. Knyvett, Vaughan, W. Elliott, Evans, Braham, &c.

N.B. The performances at the Theatre have invariably been miscellaneous selections of music.

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